

## BOARD MATTER Supervisor Linda Smyth January 29, 2013

Madam Chairman: PRS, Inc. (formerly Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services) was established in 1963 so individuals with mental illness, emotional and/or behavioral disorders can achieve personal wellness, recovery and community integration. PRS now serves clients with mild intellectual disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders and substance use disorders in addition to living with mental illness and persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

This year, PRS celebrates their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of helping clients with the proper services and support to increase their independence and self-sufficiency leading to strong and fulfilling lives. The ever changing scope and nature of program activities revolve around providing community-based support and skills training in housing, jobs, education, professional growth, community support, transportation, recreation, advocacy and other needs common to people recovering from mental illness. PRS continues to reach out to the underserved in critical need of support to help them learn to reconnect with their communities, become self-sufficient, productive members of society and to overcome the seemingly impenetrable barriers created by their illnesses.

**Madam Chairman**, I ask, without objection, that representatives from PRS, Inc. be invited to come before the Board on May 14, 2013 to be recognized for their contributions to the Fairfax County community.